

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 were acted upon in the aforesaid Office Action. No claim has been canceled and one new claim has been added, leaving claims 1-23 in the application.

Claims 1-20 stand allowed. Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been amended, but the amendments are of no substantive importance, but directed to improvement of form.

Claims 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by USP 5,935,357--Hubbard.

In the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance of claims 1-20, it is noted that while Hubbard teaches movable weld wheels and a movable nozzle, there is no suggestion of a nozzle and weld wheel attached to the same movable support member.

Claims 21 and 22 have been amended to recite as an element a support member having a nozzle and weld wheel thereon, the support member being movable to move the nozzle and weld wheel between first and second locations.

New claim 23 depends from claim 22 and adds the feature wherein a drive wheel is positionable in either of two locations, one for the welding of two overlapping membranes and another for the welding of a membrane to an angle piece. Hubbard does not appear to suggest this feature.


Accordingly, it appears that claims 21-23 are in condition for allowance, along with claims 1-20, and such allowance is most respectfully requested.

In reviewing the case, it was noted that in FIG. 7 rod 38 was shown as a flat plank-like member, whereas it should be depicted as a round rod, as shown in FIGS. 6 and 8. A substitute drawing sheet is enclosed, showing amended FIG. 7.

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Thank you.

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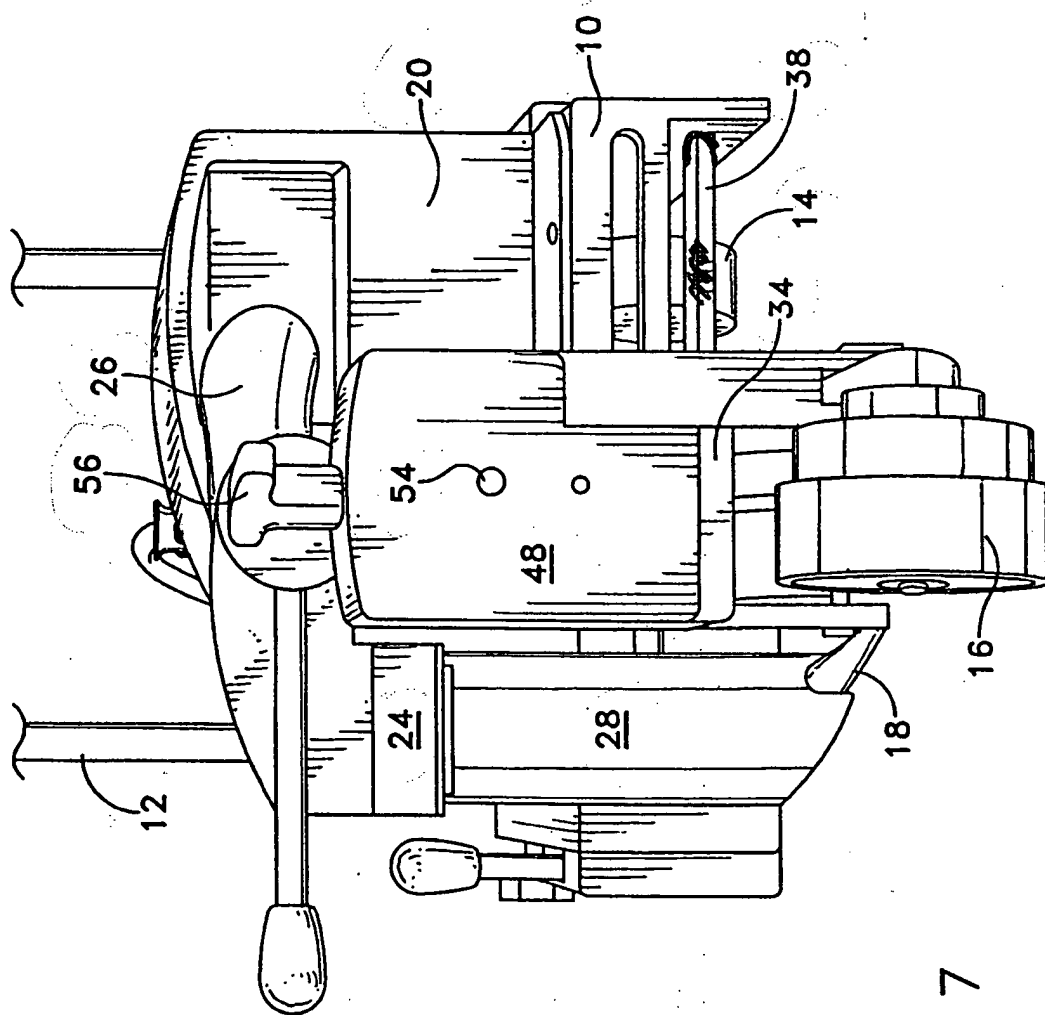


FIG. 7